

FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVE TASK FORCE

Interviews With Organizations Providing Community Services

Objectives

One of the FBCI Task Force's primary objectives is to obtain input from a wide range of organizations that are currently providing services to communities throughout Alaska. The extent of our impact depends on the quality of our information; so this "front-line" perspective is critical to success. Consequently, Task Force members will be proactively interviewing numerous entities throughout the coming months. These interviews will accomplish a number of goals:

- Broaden and deepen the Task Force's knowledge base—both individually and collectively.
- Stimulate fresh thinking about potential new ways for faith-based and other community initiatives to expand their positive impact throughout Alaska.
- Clarify how the Task Force can be of maximum service to our state.
- Surface issues and obstacles that need to be addressed.
- Expand the Task Force's visibility and help defuse any community concerns about its role.

Interview Questions

Task Force members will ask the following questions in their interviews:

1. What is your organization's core mission/purpose? What are the primary goals you are trying to accomplish?
2. How are you accomplishing your mission? What programs/services do you offer? Is there a faith component to your organization?
3. How do you measure success?
4. What steps do you take to help your people be successful in their roles? What kinds of training do you provide? Do you use an accreditation process of any kind?
5. What other organizations are critical to your success? Who are your key partners? Do you have connections to any State or Federal agency?
6. From where do you receive your funding and how much comes from each source?
7. What are the three greatest obstacles or barriers you face in accomplishing your mission? Are there any government-related obstacles or barriers?
8. How can the FBCI Task Force help your organization be even more successful?
9. Overall, what should the Task Force try to accomplish?
10. What would you like the Task Force to know?

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INTERVIEW TEMPLATE

Date:

Interviewer:

Organization being interviewed:

Interviewee(s):

1. *What is your organization's core mission/purpose? What are the primary goals you are trying to accomplish?*
 - Answer...
2. *How are you accomplishing your mission? What programs/services do you offer? Is there a faith component to your organization?*
 - Answer...
3. *How do you measure success?*
 - Answer...
4. *What steps do you take to help your people be successful in their roles? What kinds of training do you provide? Do you use an accreditation process of any kind?*
 - Answer...
5. *What other organizations are critical to your success? Who are your key partners? Do you have connections to any State or Federal agency?*
 - Answer...
6. *From where do you receive your funding and how much comes from each source?*
 - Answer...
7. *What are the three greatest obstacles or barriers you face in accomplishing your mission? Are there any government-related obstacles or barriers?*
 - Answer...
8. *How can the Faith-Based and Community Initiative Task Force help your organization be even more successful?*
 - Answer...
9. *Overall, what should the Task Force try to accomplish?*
 - Answer...
10. *What would you like the Task Force to know?*
 - Answer...

Task Force and Corresponding Faith-Based Entities to be Contacted/Interviewed

Carrillo, Dave (Juneau)	Gastineau Manor Southeast Alaska Food Bank Child Care Programs National Association for the Education of Young Children Reach, Inc., ILP
Clausen, Sharon (Anchorage)	Alaska Women's Resource Center (AWRC) Anch. Neighborhood Health Cntr. Anch. Neighborhood Housing Services F.R.E.E.D. Chugiak Senior Center
Deck, Chris (Glennallen)	Sound Alternatives Tok Health Center Adult Vocational Training General Assistance Copper River Substance Abuse Services Cordova Family Resource Cntr.
Dresdow, Innocent (Anchorage/Kodiak)	CCS, Inc. Tuition Based Preschool - Head Start Anch. Community YMCA Providence Kodiak Island Mental Health Cntr. Senior Citizens of Kodiak, Inc. Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Cntr.
Duncan, Renee (Soldotna)	Coordinated Care Community Support Program Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Forget-Me-Not Care Cntr. Frontier Training, Respite and Residential Homer Senior Cntr./Friendship Terrace Assisted Living
Ekstrom, Carl (Delta Junction)	Family Medical Cntr. Upper Tanana Aging Program Upper Tanana Alcohol Program Interior Weatherization Inc. Tok Area Counseling Cntr.
Finau, Talakai (Anchorage)	Medical Pathfinders Mental Health Assn. In Alaska Southcentral Alaska Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Abbott Loop Social Services Transitional Living Program Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC)
Flint, Robert (Anchorage)	Adaptive Ski Program Alaska Alliance for Mentally Ill (AKAMI) Alaska Association of the Deaf Alaska C.O.P.E. Coalition of Parents Educators Alaska Cntr. For the Blind and Visually Impaired
Green, Dr. Brian (Anchorage)	Alaska Chapter National Down Syndrome Congress Alaska Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Alaska Children's Services Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homeless Alaska Commission on Aging
Greene, Marie (Kotzebue/Nome)	Bering Sea Women's Group Nome Community Cntr. Norton Sound Community Mental Health Cntr. Child Abuse Prevention Regional Network, Western Norton Sound Health Corp., ILP
Gwaltney, Jack (Anchorage)	Alaska Early Interventions Hearing Resource Alaska Independent Blind Alaska Pro Bono Program Alaska SAFE KIDS Coalition Alaska AIDS Assistance Association

